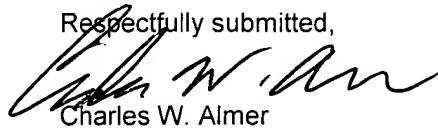


REMARKS

Before the Examiner examines the present application it is respectfully requested that he take into account the amendments contained herein. Support for the amendment is found in the specification at page 7, lines 16 and 17.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. If there are any issues that the Examiner wishes to discuss, he is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Charles W. Almer".

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